

City of Lauderhill T20 Int'l. Night Cricket: India won and Combined Islands upset Guyana

India defeats Pakistan by 4 wickets

Lauderhill, FL. Last year finalist India easily defeated Pakistan by 4 wickets and clinched a spot in the semi-finals of the 2016 City of Lauderhill T20 Int'l Night Cricket Tournament. Winning the toss and electing to bat first, Pakistan posted a moderate 149 for 9 in the allotted 20 overs. Yasheb Rajpar led the Pakistani charge slamming an entertaining 54 including four fours and three sixes. Other valuable contributions came from Irfan Khan who chipped in with 43 featuring three fours and two sixes, whilst Zeshawn Qureshi scored 19. Bowling for India, Renjith Chandran claimed 2 for 17, Sreeram Nimmala 2 for 33 and Srinivas Nandina 1 for 27.

In reply, India comfortably reached the victory target with 7 balls remaining. Girish Gopalkrishnan was the main batsman for India, smashing a delightful 52 laced with three fours and four sixes. Sunil Nair contributed 33 whilst Abhishek Vadaila scored 26 and Sreeram Nammala 10. Bowling for Pakistan, Syed Hassan bagged 2 for 23, Mustafa Dewan 1 for 13, Zeshawn Qureshi 1 for 23 and Norman Khan 1 for 30.

Combined Islands upset Guyana under D/L Method

It was dubbed as a clash between the unbeaten Team Guyana against the winless Combined Islands in game 13 of the 2016 City of Lauderhill T20 Int'l Night Cricket Tournament. Electing to take first strike after winning the toss, the tournament point's leader rallied to 170 for 7 in the allotted 20 overs. Dale Africa spearheaded the Guyanese batting attack, scoring an elegant 41 from 29 balls including five fours and two gigantic sixes. Other useful contributions came from Sameer Khan who chipped in with 36, the veteran Peter Anthony with a composed 32 not out, Simeon Pierre 21 and Nazim Ali 19. Bowling for Combined Islands, Ashton Dennis snared 3 for 15 whilst David Braithwaite took 1 for 23, Joey Pierre 1 for 30 and Mike Victor 1 for 30.

Combined Islands chasing a revised victory target of 146 in 18 overs under the D/L Method, ended on 148 for 6 to register their first victory of the tournament. Ernie Joseph top scored with 48 and the dependable Ashton Dennis anchored the innings with a patient 28 not out, whilst Joey Pierre chipped in with 21, Brandon Dunbar 17 and Keniel Irvin 11. Bowling for Guyana, Dale Africa grabbed 2 for 22, Richard Louis 1 for 24 and Masood Mohammed 1 for 38.

No games are scheduled for this Saturday, April 23, 2016 but the final preliminary rounds of the tournament continues on Saturday, April 30, 2016 starting at 5pm with Trinidad & Tobago v. Combined Islands, followed by Jamaica v. Guyana at 8:00pm. All matches are played at the Lauderhill Sports Park, 7500 W. Oakland Park Blvd, Lauderhill. For further information contact 954-730-3000 or www.Lauderhill-fl.gov.